GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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OUTLAY FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CORPORATION
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the outlay for Rural Electrification Corporation during 1999-2000;

(b) whether it has been reduced as compared to preceding financial year;

(c) if so, the justification therefor;

(d) whether the Gujarat State will be adversely affected due to reduction; and

(e) the steps being taken to increase rural electrification in the drought prone States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The budget outlays approved by the Government for Rural Electrification Corporation for the years 1998 and 1999 are given below :

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Year  Normal  Minimum Needs Programme (Rs. in crores)


1998-99  450   175
1999-2000 430   175
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It would be seen that the change in financial outlay for REC in the year 1999- 2000 in comparison to the preceding financial year was very marginal.

(d) & (e) : Not withstanding the above position, REC disbursed financial assistanceof Rs.362 crore to Gujarat during 1999-2000 as compared to the disbursement of Rs.313 crore during the year 1998-99. As compared to 26262 pumpsets energised during 1998-99 in Gujarat, 26665 pumpsets were energised during 1999-2000.